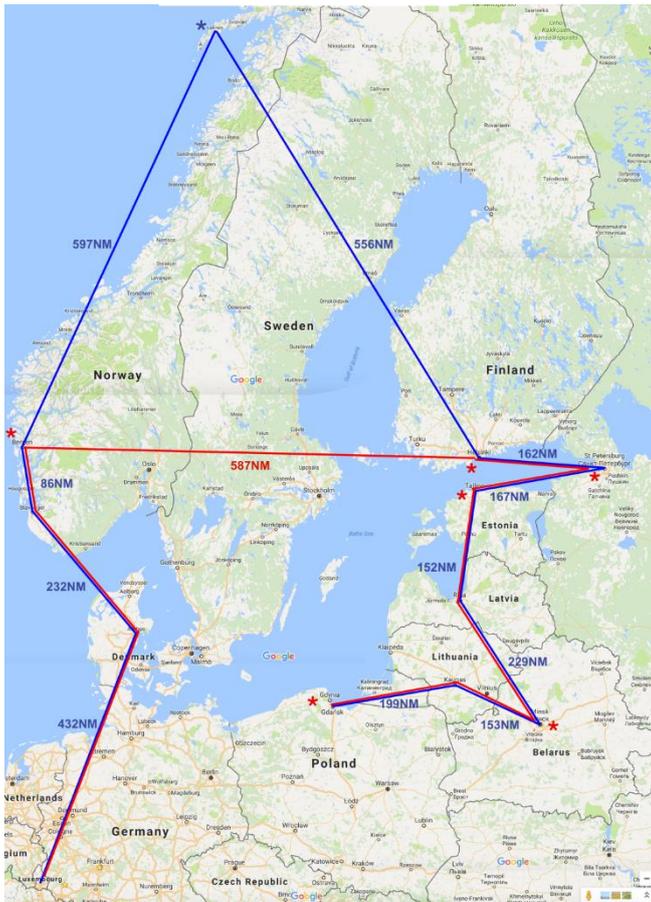




Invitation Memorial Hans Gutmann Tourist Rally Flight 2017 MID SUMMER NIGHTS SAINT PETERSBURG

Dear Presidents, members and friends,

Every year pilots from all over Europe fly together, across borders, over nice countries paying tribute to famous Austrian airman Hans GUTMANN, who organized so many long-range trips in the previous decades, built his own airplanes and circumnavigated the world twice.



Jean BIRGEN, as technical adviser FAI-GAC and board member of UPL-AOPA, has taken the initiative to organize the annual memorial long range rally. A team of individuals volunteered to help in organization: Mikhail Kornev, secretary general and Artem Kirillov, project manager.

The last rally of 2016 was from Luxembourg to Georgia. Pilots traveled over 4000 nautical miles from Europe to Georgia. Over 10 aircraft participated and made this event a success. See the report at www.georgia.eu.

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The 2017 rally, MID SUMMER NIGHTS, will take place from 15th to 25th June 2017. This year the rally route is going to be via the Scandinavian and Baltic countries, culminating in Saint Petersburg, Russia.

Itinerary

The rally starting point is Luxembourg, or your own home base. First meeting point is Aarhus in Denmark (the European Culture Capital of 2017). Pilots are expected to gather there on 15th June.

Three options are proposed:

A) Long range rally: Luxembourg ELLX - Aarhus EKAH - Stavanger ENZV - Bergen ENBR* - Lecknes ENLK* - Helsinki-Malmi EFHF* - Saint Petersburg ULLI*

B) Tourist rally: Luxembourg ELLX - Aarhus EKAH - Stavanger ENZV - Bergen ENBR* - Helsinki EFHK* - Saint Petersburg ULLI*

C) Family rally: family and friends of pilots arrive to Helsinki on 17.06 with regular airline flights, then take a night ferry or the high speed train to Saint Petersburg.

After meeting in Saint Petersburg, on 20.06 all the crews will proceed to Gdansk:

Saint Petersburg ULLI* - Tallinn EETN - Riga EVRA - Minsk UMMS - Kaunas EYKA - Gdansk EPGD*

In Gdansk we meet the first elected President, Mr. Lech WALESIA, during our final gala closing dinner.

The map shows our tentative routing. The locations noted with asterisks (*) are fixed, everything else in between is free for proposals and discussion. You can help us with good ideas and more information on landing, handling, parking, fuel prices, ground transportation options and local attractions is very much appreciated.

Send us a provisional registration, and you will be kept informed on the rally. Please indicate your name, number of participants, address, country, aircraft type, call sign and your starting point.